Grading system

204. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce grading system for class X students from 2009-2010 in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made consultation with various sections of society before introducing grading system in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce grading system at Secondary School for class X Board examination, 2010 and for continuous and comprehensive evaluation (CCE) for class IX from academic session 2009-10 in the schools affiliated to CBSE.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. National Policy on Education, 1986 (as revised in 1992) suggests that grades be used in place of marks. The National Seminar on Scaling and Grading organsed by NCERT in July, 1987, the Conference of Councils of Boards of Secondary Education held at Mysore in 1988, and the Conference of the Chairman and Secretaries of the Boards of School Education organized by NCERT in August, 1990 had also recommended use of grading system. National Curriculum Framework, 2005 mentions use of this.

CBSE has also consulted various stakeholders before introducing the grading system and they have supported introduction of the same.

Public-Private-Partnership to establish KVs

205. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken a scheme to attract around Rs. 10,000 crores of private investment in universalizing/improving quality of primary and secondary education and working out a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) to establish 2,500 Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme, indicating distribution of KVs, State-wise; and

(c) the steps so far taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.